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AT FORTHCOMING ICAO ASSEMBLY MONTREAL,
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1. TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED ECAC INTER-MEDIARY SESSION IN PARIS LAST WEEK, HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING RUN-DOWN ON MEETING. ECAC STATES WERE UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON POSITION TO BE TAKEN BY WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ON POSSIBLE REVISION OF COMPOSITION OF PERMANENT ICAO COUNCIL. THE MAJORITY OF DELEGATES SEEMED TO SYMPATHIZE WITH THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL WITHOUT COMMITTING THEMSELVES, HOWEVER. ONLY UK CLEARLY EXPRESSED GRAVE DOUBTS AS TO THE PRACTICABILITY OF BELGIAN PROPOSAL.

2. SOURCE STATES THAT PORTUGAL WILL BE COMPELLED BY FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS NOT TO VOTE AGAINST SENEGAL PROPOSAL, WHICH PREVENTED A UNANIMOUS POSITION
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BEING TAKEN AGAINST SENEGAL PROPOSAL.

3. THE SWISS PROPOSAL FOR AN EXTENDED ROTATION SCHEME FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL MET WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL AND WAS SUPPORTED IN PARTICULAR BY AUSTRIA AND FINLAND.

3. ECAC MEMBERS DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN IN MONTREAL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE BEGINNING OF ICAO ASSEMBLY FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION.

4. COMMENT: AUSTRIA, WHICH APPEARS TO BE AGAINST THE BELGIAN AS WELL AS THE SENEGAL PROPOSALS, NEVERTHELESS WOULD PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH ANY WESTERN EUROPEAN MAJORITY POSITION AT THE ASSEMBLY.HUMES

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